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SUBJECT: JANUARY 10 MILITARY BRIEFING FOR CONSULAR CORPS

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 886

1. REGULAR CONSULAR CORPS BRIEFING ON JANUARY 10 BY SCCIM
(COL RAMIRES RAMOS) COVERED MONTH OF DECEMBER AND INCLUDED
FOLLOWING STATISTICS (ALONG WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER
IN PARENTHESIS).

(A) FRELIMO ACTIONS: 516 (437 IN NOVEMBER), OF WHICH 34
(58) WERE IN NIASSA, 156 (136) IN CABO DELGADO, 194 (147)
IN TETE, 89 (49) IN BEIRA AND 43 (47) IN VILA PEREIRA.

(B) FRELIMO LOSSES: 107 PLUS (227 PLUS) KILLED, 35 PLUS
(31 PLUS) CONFIRMED WOUNDED, 119 (120) CAPTURED, NONE (8)
SURRENDERED.

(C) CIVILIAN POPULATION MOVEMENTS: 1,982 (1,565) TURNED
THEMSELVES IN; 1,196 (2,231) WERE RECOVERED, 369 PLUS
(155 PLUS) FLED FROM THE PORTUGUESE.

(D) PORTUGUESE CASUALTIES: TROOPS - 24 (12) KILLED,
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UT KIOL WOUNDED; PARA-MILITARY FORCES - 4 (13) KILLED,

35 (88) WOUNDED; CIVILIAN LOSSES - 34 PLUS (24 PLUS)
KILLED, 105 (59) WOUNDED, 97 PLUS (210 PLUS) KIDNAPPED.

2. GENERAL: THE ALREADY HIGH RATE OF ATTACKS ON ALDEAMENTOS CONTINUED TO MOUNT ESPECIALLY IN TETE AND BEIRA DISTRICTS, ALTHOUGH IN CABO DELGADO BULK OF ATTACKS WERE AGAINST MILITARY PERSONNEL OR INSTALLATIONS. ALSO FOR FIRST TIME MINES WERE EXPLODED IN BEIRA AND VILA PEREIRA DISTRICTS.

3. SCCIM CONFIRMED TWO MINING INCIDENTS ON BEIRA-MALAWI RAILROAD LINE AND SPECULATED FRELIMO MAY BE TRYING APPLY PRESSURE ON MALAWI TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN ASSISTING GUERRILLAS.

4. FOLLOWING FIGURES WERE GIVEN ON ALDEAMENTO PROGRAM AS OF AUGUST 31, 1973:

DISTRICT	NUMBER	INHABITANTS
NIASSA	154	227,647
CABO DELGADO	334	292,555
TETE	214	227,037
BEIRA	128	198,063
VILA PEREIRA	32	16,007
ZAMBEZI	33	27,416
TOTAL	895	988,725

5. COMMENT: INTENSIFIED PRESSURE ON ALDEAMENTOS BY FRELIMO SHOWS LATTER INCREASINGLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF ALDEAMENTO PROGRAM AS POTENTIAL MEANS OF CONTROLLING AND WINNING SUPPORT OF POPULATION. IF INHABITANTS WERE FRIENDLY TO FRELIMO, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR VIOLENCE. USE OF FORCE AGAINST POPULACE TENDS CONFIRM PORTUGUESE CONTENTION THAT PEOPLE ON WHOLE ARE NOT GIVING MUCH SUPPORT TO FRELIMO, AND THAT LATTER SEEKING BREAK PEOPLE'S RESOLVE THROUGH FEAR.
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